The Church:
A Display of God's Glory

The Bible's Blueprint For Church Organization

Three Layers of Leadership (Phil.1:1)

1. The <u>Congregation</u>
2. The Elders/Pastors
3. The <u>Deacons</u>

Deacons: The Leading <u>Servants</u> of the church

1. Deacons <u>minister</u> to the physical needs of the church (Acts 6:1-6)

- The needs they meet are based on <u>circumstances</u>
- The needs they meet are based on the <u>Bible</u>
- Why? So that the church is <u>unified</u>

2. Deacons support those who minister to the spiritual needs of the church (Acts 6:7)

- Deacons serve the church so the pastors are free to shepherd the church
- Deacons lead other servants to serve the church
- Why? So that the church is edified

3. Deacons reflect the character of Christ (I Tim.3:8-13)

- Deacons are to think missionally
- Deacons are to live righteously
  - honorable
  - genuine
  - self-controlled
  - sacrificial givers
  - devoted to the Word

3. Deacons <u>reflect</u> the character of Christ (I Tim.3:8-13) (Cont.)

- faithful
- blameless
- Christ-honoring in the home
- Why? So that God will be <u>glorified</u>